

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

*February 1, 2023*  
*11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*  
*Hybrid Meeting*

### Draft Agenda

The times listed are approximate; the order in which these items will be taken is subject to change; other items may be added as necessary.

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| 1. Welcome/Call to Order ( <i>M. Bell</i> )  | 11:30 a.m. |
| 2. Board Consent   | 11:30 a.m. |
| • Approval of Agenda   |            |
| • Approval of Proceedings from November 2022   |            |
| 3. Public Comment  | 11:35 a.m. |
| 4. Consider State Implementation Plans for Addendum I to Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan ( <i>J. Boyle</i> ) <b>Final Action</b> | 11:45 a.m. |
| 5. Consider Approval of Menhaden Technical Addendum to Addendum I to Amendment 3 ( <i>J. Boyle</i> ) <b>Final Action</b>                               | 12:05 p.m. |
| 6. Other Business/Adjourn  | 12:30 p.m. |

The meeting will be held at The Westin Crystal City (1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA; 703.486.1111) and via webinar; click [here](#) for details

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## MEETING OVERVIEW

Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

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| Chair: Mel Bell (SC)<br>Assumed Chairmanship: 10/21   | Technical Committee Chair:<br>Josh Newhard (USFWS) | Law Enforcement Committee<br>Representative: Scott Simmons (MD) |
| Vice Chair:<br>Conor McManus (RI)   | Advisory Panel Chair:<br>Meghan Lapp (RI)          | Previous Board Meeting:<br>November 9, 2022                     |
| Voting Members: ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, PRFC, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, NMFS,<br>USFWS (18 votes) |  |   |

### 2. Board Consent

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Proceedings from November 9, 2022

**3. Public Comment** – At the beginning of the meeting public comment will be taken on items not on the agenda. Individuals that wish to speak at this time should use the webinar raise your hand function and the Board Chair will let you know when to speak. For agenda items that have already gone out for public hearing and/or have had a public comment period that has closed, the Board Chair may determine that additional public comment will not provide additional information. In this circumstance, the Board Chair will not allow additional public comment on an issue. For agenda items that the public has not had a chance to provide input, the Board Chair may allow limited opportunity for comment. The Board Chair has the discretion to limit the number of speakers and/or the length of each comment.

### 4. Consider State Implementation Plans for Addendum I to Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (11:45 a.m.–12:05 p.m.) Final Action

#### Background

- The Board approved Addendum I to Amendment 3 at the 2022 Annual Meeting and set an implementation date of May 1, 2023.
- The Plan Review Team (PRT) reviewed the state plans and drafted recommendations to the Board (**Supplemental Materials**).

#### Presentations

- Review of state implementation plans by J. Boyle

#### Board Actions for Consideration

- Consider state implementation plans for approval

### 5. Consider Approval of Menhaden Technical Addendum to Addendum I to Amendment 3 (12:05-12:30 p.m.) Final Action

#### Background

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• After approval of Addendum I to Amendment 3, Staff discovered that the Addendum inadvertently did not contain language to update the timeframe for redistributing relinquished quota to the new quota allocation timeframe.</li><li>• Staff is recommending approval of Technical Addendum I to correct the timeframe used for redistributing relinquished quota (<b>Supplemental Materials</b>).</li></ul> |
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| <b>Presentations</b> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of Technical Addendum I to Addendum I by J. Boyle</li></ul> |
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| <b>Board Actions for Consideration</b> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider approval of Technical Addendum I</li></ul> |
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### **6. Other Business/Adjourn**

## Atlantic Menhaden

### Activity level: High

**Committee Overlap Score:** High (SAS, ERP WG overlaps with American eel, striped bass, northern shrimp, Atlantic herring, horseshoe crab, weakfish)

#### Committee Task List

- 2023 Ageing Workshop
- 2025 Benchmark Stock Assessment
- Annual compliance reports due August 1st

**TC Members:** Josh Newhard (USFWS, Chair), Holly White (NC), Keilin Gamboa-Salazar (SC), Jason McNamee (RI), Eddie Leonard (GA), Jeff Brust (NJ), Matt Cieri (ME), Ingrid Braun (PRFC), Micah Dean (MA), Kurt Gottschall (CT), Caitlin Craig (NY, Vice-Chair), Shanna Madsen (VMRC), Chris Swanson (FL), Ray Mroch (NMFS), Sydney Alhale (NMFS), Amy Schueller (NMFS), Alexei Sharov (MD), Garry Glanden (DE), Heather Walsh (USGS), Kristen Anstead (ASMFC), James Boyle (ASMFC)

**SAS Members:** Amy Schueller (NMFS, SAS Chair), Matt Cieri (ME), Micah Dean (MA), Robert Latour (VIMS), Chris Swanson (FL), Ray Mroch (NMFS), Jason McNamee (RI), Alexei Sharov (MD), Jeff Brust (NJ) Kristen Anstead (ASMFC), James Boyle (ASMFC), Joey Ballenger (SC)

**ERP WG Members:** Jason Boucher (NOAA), Matt Cieri (ME,ERP Chair), Michael Celestino (NJ), David Chagaris (FL), Micah Dean (MA), Rob Latour (VIMS), Jason McNamee (RI), Amy Schueller (NFMS), Alexei Sharov (MD), Howard Townsend (NFMS), Jim Uphoff (MD), Kristen Anstead (ASMFC), Katie Drew (ASMFC)

**From:** [Tom Lilly](#)  
**To:** [Tina Berger](#); [Robert Beal](#); [Allison Colden](#); [LYNN FEGLEY](#); [Hilary Falk](#); [Patrick Geer](#)  
**Cc:** [STEPHEN ATKINSON](#); [PHILIP ZALESK](#); [Jaclyn Higgins](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Public Comment -Winter Meeting. ASMFC  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 7:10:27 PM  
**Attachments:** [2023WinterMtgFirstNotice\\_PreliminaryAgenda.pdf](#)  
[WestinCrystalCity\\_HotelDirections.pdf](#)  
[TA 23-003ASMFC2023WinterMeeting\\_revised.pdf](#)  
[TravelReimbursementGuidelines\\_2023.pdf](#)

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Tina ...please distribute this comment to the Commissioners and the Menhaden Board.

To the stakeholders;

Just in case you missed it....the people that have just about destroyed Chesapeake Bay are meeting again . No doubt they will be celebrating allowing the factory fishing to take another 20,000 tons of menhaden headed to Chesapeake Bay and the defeat of a modest proposal to limit bycatch and net snags in Virginia by five of the nine VMRC Commissioners. Both natural resource “managers” remain intent on favoring factory fishing interests no matter what the cost to the environment and millions of ordinary people in Virginia and Maryland and tens of thousands of small businesses. Some day this sad and absurd waste of a critical natural resource may end but by then it will be far far too late.

Thomas Lilly. Whitehaven, Md

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Tina Berger <tberger@asmfc.org>  
**Date:** January 3, 2023 at 11:17:10 AM EST  
**Cc:** Senior Staff <senior.staff@asmfc.org>  
**Subject: REMINDER: ASMFC 2023 Winter Meeting Preliminary Agenda, Public Comment Guidelines, and Meeting Details**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, JANUARY 3, 2023  
PRESS CONTACT, TINA BERGER, 703.842.0749

In case you missed it, below is the meeting announcement for the Commission’s 2023 Winter Meeting. Attached is the preliminary agenda, hotel directions, revised travel authorization form, and reimbursement guidelines.

If you plan on attending in-person, the deadline for reservations is tomorrow, January 4.

## **Tina Berger**

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**From:** Tina Berger  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 20, 2022 6:01 PM  
**Cc:** ALL ARLINGTON STAFF <allarlingtonstaff@asmfc.org>  
**Subject:** ASMFC 2023 Winter Meeting Preliminary Agenda, Public Comment Guidelines, and Meeting Details

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, DECEMBER 20, 2022  
PRESS CONTACT, TINA BERGER, 703.842.0749

Please find attached and below the preliminary agenda and public comment guidelines for the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's 2023 Winter Meeting, January 31 – February 2, 2023, in Arlington, VA. This will be a hybrid meeting (both in-person and remote) to allow for remote participation by Commissioners and interested stakeholders; the details of which will be provided two weeks prior to the meeting. The agenda is also available at [www.asmf.org/home/2023-winter-meeting](http://www.asmf.org/home/2023-winter-meeting). Also attached is the travel authorization form, travel reimbursement guidelines and directions to the hotel. The final agenda and materials will be available on January 19<sup>th</sup> on the Commission website at [www.asmf.org/home/2023-winter-meeting](http://www.asmf.org/home/2023-winter-meeting).

A block of rooms is being held at The Westin Crystal City, 1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Cindy Robertson will make Commissioner/Proxy reservations and will contact you regarding the details of your accommodations. **Please notify Cindy of any changes to your travel plans that will impact your hotel reservations, otherwise you will incur no-show penalties.** We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

For all other attendees, please reserve online via our group link: [book your group rate for Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission \(ASMFC\), Jan30-Feb02, 2023](#) or call Marriott Reservations directly at 888.627.8209 as soon as possible and mention the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to obtain the group room rate of \$188.00 plus tax single/dbl. Please be aware you must guarantee your room reservation with a major credit card or one night's advance payment. **Hotel reservations must be made by Wednesday, January 4, 2023. Room availability will not be guaranteed beyond this date.** If you are being reimbursed by ASMFC for your travel, please make your reservation directly with the hotel. Reservations made through travel websites do not apply toward our minimum number of required reservations with the hotel. **Please note, cancellations at The Westin must be made by 4:00 p.m. two days prior to arrival to avoid penalty and an early departure fee of \$100 will apply when checking out prior to the confirmed date.** If you have any problems at all regarding

accommodations please contact Cindy at 703.842.0740 or at [crobertson@asmfc.org](mailto:crobertson@asmfc.org).

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## Winter Meeting

January 31 – February 2, 2023

### The Westin Crystal City

Arlington, Virginia

## Preliminary Agenda

The agenda is subject to change. Bulleted items represent the anticipated major issues to be discussed or acted upon at the meeting. The final agenda will include additional items and may revise the bulleted items provided below. The agenda reflects the current estimate of time required for scheduled Board meetings. The Commission may adjust this agenda in accordance with the actual duration of Board meetings. Interested parties should anticipate Boards starting earlier or later than indicated herein.

### Tuesday, January 31

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

#### Atlantic Herring Management Board

- Set Specifications for 2023-2025

10:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

#### American Lobster Management Board

- Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team Update from NOAA Fisheries
- Consider Draft Addendum XXVII on Increasing Protection of Spawning Stock Biomass of the Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank Stock for Public Comment
- Update from Work Group on Implementation of Addendum XXIX on Electronic Vessel Tracking for Federal Permit Holders

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

#### Lunch Break (on your own)

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.

#### Winter Flounder Management Board

- Review 2022 Management Track Assessments for Gulf of Maine and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Winter Flounder Stocks
- Set Specifications for 2023-2025
- Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State

Compliance for the 2021 Fishing Year

**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board**

- Consider Final Action on Draft Addendum I on Voluntary Transfers of Commercial Quota in the Ocean Fishery

**Wednesday, February 1**

**8:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Executive Committee**

*(A portion of this meeting may be closed for Committee members and Commissioners only)*

- CARES Act Update

**9:45 – 11:15 a.m.**

**American Eel Management Board**

- Review and Consider 2022 Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for Management Use and Respond If Necessary
- Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2021 Fishing Year
- Elect Vice-Chair

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Atlantic Menhaden Management Board**

- Consider State Implementation Plans for Addendum I to Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan

**12:30 – 1:15 p.m.**

**Lunch Break** *(provided)*

**1:15 – 2:00 p.m.**

**Spiny Dogfish Management Board**

- Set Specifications for 2023

**2:15 – 5:15 p.m.**

**Parliamentary Training**

**Thursday, February 2**

**8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Shad and River Herring Management Board**

- Consider Update to North Carolina Shad Sustainable Fishery Management Plan
- Update on 2023 River Herring Benchmark Stock Assessment
- Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2021 Fishing Year
- Elect Vice-Chair

**9:45 – 11:15 a.m.**  
**Board**

**Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy**

- Executive Committee Report



- Review Commissioner Survey Results
- Progress Report on Changes to the Conservation Equivalency Guidance Document
- Review Noncompliance Findings (if necessary)

**11:15 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Business Session**

- Consider Noncompliance Recommendations (if necessary)

## Public Comment Guidelines

To provide a fair opportunity for public input, the ISFMP Policy Board has approved the following guidelines for use at management board meetings:

**For issues that are not on the agenda**, management boards will continue to provide opportunity to the public to bring matters of concern to the board’s attention at the start of each board meeting. Board chairs will ask members of the public to raise their hands to let the chair know they would like to speak. Depending upon the number of commenters, the board chair will decide how to allocate the available time on the agenda (typically 10 minutes) to the number of people who want to speak.

**For topics that are on the agenda**, but have not gone out for public comment, board chairs will provide limited opportunity for comment, taking into account the time allotted on the agenda for the topic. Chairs will have flexibility in deciding how to allocate comment opportunities; this could include hearing one comment in favor and one in opposition until the chair is satisfied further comment will not provide additional insight to the board.

**For agenda action items that have already gone out for public comment**, it is the Policy Board’s intent to end the occasional practice of allowing extensive and lengthy public comments. Currently, board chairs have the discretion to decide what public comment to allow in these circumstances.

In addition, the following timeline has been established for the **submission of written comment for issues for which the Commission has NOT established a specific public comment period** (i.e., in response to proposed management action).

1. Comments received three weeks prior to the start of a meeting week (January 10<sup>th</sup>) will be included in the briefing materials.
2. Comments received by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> will be included in supplemental materials.

3. Comments received by 10:00 AM on Friday, January 27 will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting.

The submitted comments must clearly indicate the commenter's expectation from the ASMFC staff regarding distribution. As with other public comment, it will be accepted via mail and email.

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